



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Cupertino – Google, Facebook, Twitter Pause Hong Kong Data Requests

(U) Google, Facebook, and Twitter will not process user data requests from the Hong Kong government amid concerns that a new security law could criminalize protests. The social media corporations typically work with law enforcement to follow local laws where the companies operate, but will pause production on any new information requests until assessments can be made on the new security law. All three corporations currently operate in Hong Kong.

SOURCE: 6 July 2020, [Bloomberg](#)

### (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

#### (U) Texas – Rio Grande Valley Agents Seize over \$1 Million Worth of Drugs

(U) Edinburg – US Border patrol agents seized more than \$1 million worth of drugs and arrested seven people in connection to multiple failed smuggling attempts over the weekend. Three incidents involved smugglers attempting to bring bundles of marijuana through different trails across the border. The final seizure occurred at a checkpoint where 276 bundles of marijuana was discovered in a hidden compartment in a flatbed trailer.

SOURCE: 6 July 2020, [US CBP](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) New Mexico – Sindicato De Nuevo Mexican Prison Gang Member Charged with RICO Conspiracy

(U) Albuquerque – A New Mexico individual faces charges related to his participation in a Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) conspiracy and other offenses related to the Sindicato de Nuevo Mexico Prison Gang. According to the complaint, the suspect has been a member of the prison gang since 2001 and committed numerous violent crimes on behalf of the organization.

SOURCE: 6 July 2020, [Los Alamos Daily Post](#)

#### (U) Texas – Sheriff's Office Hit by Cyberattack

(U) Cooke County – The Cooke County Sheriff's Department confirmed that it was hit by a cyberattack over the weekend. Attackers claimed to have used REvil ransomware to attack the agency's website and posted screenshots on the dark web showing what are said to be documents and data from the sheriff's department. All emergency services are still operational and an investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 6 July 2020, [Gainesville Register](#)

#### (U) West Virginia – Woman Convicted in Plot to Offer Top-Secret NSA Information to Russia

(U) Hedgesville – A West Virginia woman who worked on assignments with the National Security Agency (NSA) while serving in the Air Force planned to give the Russian government top-secret information from the agency. The suspect pleaded guilty to one count each of willful retention of national defense information and international parental kidnapping. The suspect was arrested at a Mexico City hotel and the kidnapped girl was returned to her father. She faced up to 13 years for both offenses.

SOURCE: 6 July 2020, [Fox News](#)

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### (U) INTERNATIONAL

#### **(U) Afghanistan – Suicide Bombing, Attack in Afghanistan Kill Seven Policemen**

(U) Kabul – A suicide car bomber targeted an Afghan police convoy in eastern Nangarhar province killing four officers, including a police commander. Three other officers were killed in an attack in the country's south. The bombing also wounded 11 people. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Taliban and the Islamic State group are active in the area.

SOURCE: 7 July 2020, [ABC News](#)

#### **(U) Bangladesh – Six Dead in Clash between Factions of Bangladesh Ethnic Group**

(U) Dhaka – Six people were killed in a gunfight between two factions of an ethnic group over control of a hilly region in southeastern Bangladesh where armed gangs are active. The clash took place between varying factions of the Chakma tribe in Bangladesh. Such attacks are common in the region because some of the groups are reportedly involved in illegal activities such as drug trafficking and kidnapping for ransom.

SOURCE: 6 July 2020, [Seattle Times](#)

#### **(U) Egypt – American Student Released after 486 Days in Egyptian Prison**

(U) Cairo – An American medical student detained without trial in an Egyptian prison for nearly 500 days has been freed and returned to the US. The release followed months of pressure from the Trump Administration, which advocated on his behalf. The student was arrested in March of 2019 after standing in Cairo's Tahrir Square while holding a protest sign. He relinquished his Egyptian citizenship as a condition for release. Protesting has been illegal under Egyptian law since 2013.

SOURCE: 6 July 2020, [ABC News](#)

#### **(U) Iraq – Expert on Armed Groups Shot Dead in Baghdad**

(U) Baghdad – A leading Iraqi expert on the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and other militant groups was shot dead in Baghdad after receiving threats from Iran-backed militias. The victim was shot near his home and pronounced dead at a nearby hospital. Weeks before his death, the victim told confidantes he feared Iran-backed militia groups were targeting him. His death comes as the government grapples with a spate of rocket attacks targeting US interests in the country believed to be orchestrated by Iran-backed militia groups.

SOURCE: 6 July 2020, [ABC News](#)

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